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# Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ehud Gartenberg

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 July 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 28 July 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>7/28/2004</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____  |

### DETAILED ACTION

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ball 4012013, that teaches the invention (method and apparatus) as disclosed and as claimed: two aircraft side inlets 8, 10 (Fig. 1) for a jet engine comprising lip/flap structure to alter the curvature of the lip/control surface and thereby reduce turbulence (see Fig. 7 and 8) and a 4 bar linkage (80, 78, 72, 74) actuator varying the geometry of the inlet. Note that the most forward cranked beam couples the actuator with the fore portion 62 at two points: upper and lower. Fig. 7 shows the aerodynamic smooth configuration and Fig 8 the rounded lip portion extending forwardly of the inlet. Note that skin 90 is coupled only to the upper/second lip portion, as presently claimed. Also note that both the skin portion and the linkage are retraced within a recessed area in the nacelle to form an outer surface of the nacelle. The recessed area is best viewed in Fig. 8, and it is delineated by the small forward-facing step, 2 millimeters to the left where the arrow of element 76 crosses the exposed upper surface of the airfoil. The first configuration (subsonic take-off and landing) is shown in Fig. 8, while the second configuration (cruise) is shown in Fig. 7. Note that when deployed the lip has two forward/backward portions separated by hinge 68. The nacelle of claim 36 is read on the entire housing of the jet engine.

Also note that at least claims 1 and 9 are anticipated by Gruensfelder 6,089,505.

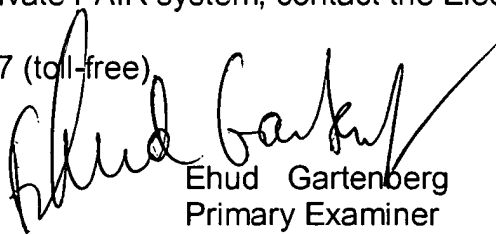
**Conclusion**

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Brown 3485252, Kutschenreuter 5301910, Gruensfelder 6231006.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ehud Gartenberg whose telephone number is 703/308-2634. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cheryl Tyler can be reached on 703/306-2772. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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